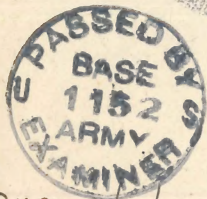


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Hello Folks,

Here 'tis - Sunday again, and here I am too! - Though whatever I am to write about has me stymied right at this particular point. Seems like I could used to sit down and write - just about any ol' thing, but here lately - I only write cause I know I ought to - and I just sit & sit - waiting for some subject to present itself to me! - Why is that? - Suppose for one reason, our regular mail has been a thing, very irregular of late. - Why. I don't know - but I have ideas - same reason it has dropped off in the past.

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Received a letter from Fred the other day, mentioning that Brother was to report for his physical exam, or something. Think he said it was to be on the 2nd of April. - Guess I'll hear most any day now - the results. However - in view of his spell last winter, his age, etc. don't imagine he has been accepted for service. - But "one never knows" for sometimes this Army of ours works in strange ways - they have a logic of their own!

How was the Birthday celebration on the 28th? - I thought about you lots and tried to picture what was going on. - I also pictured myself a year ago when we landed in Africa. - I remember laying in my cot then, wondering

just what you were doing then.
 Guess we will just have to have
 one grand glorious party when I
 get back. So I can make up for
 all of these I've missed - O.K.?

Today being the last of the
 month makes it pay day for a
 change. Guess I'll be sending
 some more money homeward, but
 it sure would be a nice feeling
 to think, "well, I'll keep some of
 this so I can have some money
 to go home on."! - But if given the
 chance - guess I could really make
 it on no money!

Haven't heard a thing more
 about when we might get the
 chance to leave. - It's still our most
 favorite topic of conversation, so
 we talk on and keep our fingers
 crossed harder than ever when

4! we have to go "visiting".

The other day I had a surprise. I received my air medal! - I mean the actual medal itself. When we had the presentation last fall we only received the ribbon. The medal was, or rather is - one of the prettiest I've seen - that makes it rather nice for it to be nice looking as long as that's the one I have.

- Monday -

Didn't mail this yesterday so I'll try to finish it off so that it will get in the mail today.

Haven't done much today, except to enjoy life. - This morning I went up flying for a couple of hours. Took Al Brenner and a couple of others along so they could fly a while! - By the

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-- time I leave here I think I will
have gotten almost all the bomb-
ardiers and ground personnel to
have learned to fly! - At least in the air!
Haven't tried to check anyone out
on landings - Our ship isn't a cut
to be bounced all along the
runway! -

This after-noon I had a game
of Badminton on a court some
of the fellows built - It seemed
pretty good, too - "Special Services"
supplies us with athletic
equipment, etc., so hence the
finding of a game like that in
Sardinia -

It's quite the country club we
have over here now - The days are
pretty hot (but not as hot as they
will be, I betcha!) and it's so
nice to be out in it - Today was
the first time I succumbed to
a sun bath, but I did it gingerly.

6.1 Several of the boys have an
overdose of sunburn already so
it served as a warning to the
rest of us.

Didn't make the "team" for
today, so that about cinches it
for tomorrow. - Hope they have a
nice easy one up their sleeves -
but don't go relaxing on me. - Keep
im crossed until I tell you
when!

Bye now - and be good. - and
maybe one of these days we will
have some news for ya! -

Love,
Frank

P.S. Butch got hit by a motorcycle the
other night and has been kept on a
stretcher in our sqdn. dispensary. Doc
thinks he will be o.k. - no bones broken. - You
should see all the company he receives.
Think every man in the sqdn. goes to
see him at least twice a day.